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Poor ventilation shutters Bowe

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

"Expect the unexpected," may well be the Chicopee Public Schools' motto for the 2020-2021 academic year. During the COVID-19 pandemic, certainties have been as rare as a student with perfect attendance, and the school district has readied itself for the unforeseen.

Unfortunately, the semester's first tough break occurred before classes officially began. Due to poor ventilation, Patrick E. Bowe School on Hampden Street will be shuttered until Feb. 2021 at the earliest.

"We asked for an HVAC building assessment. When we received the report back, it showed on there how the only ventilation in both schools are the windows. We felt that wasn't sufficient enough for ventilation as the cooler weather comes on," said School Superintendent Lynn Clark on Sept. 15.

The decision to close Bowe School was announced on Sept. 11, just days prior to the first day of school on Sept. 15. All Bowe School students now must learn virtually until the issue is resolved.

Clark noted that the district contacted parents and staff the morning after it received the assessment. Phase I students, those with special needs or circumstances who must learn in person, are being bused to a different location.

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Proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee

Supporters of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee pose for a photo on the morning of Sept. 18, celebrating a successful 2020 edition of the "Battle of the Badges" hockey exhibition and fundraiser that occurred on March 7. *COURTESY PHOTOS*

Battle of the Badges *rivalry proceeds awarded*

Boys & Girls Club receive $5,000

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – On the evening of March 7, hundreds of enthusiastic locals filled Fitzpatrick Arena in Holyoke to witness the "Battle of the Badges," a yearly hockey exhibition between the Chicopee Fire and Police departments.

The initiative raised over $10,000. The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee received $5,000 while a scholarship fund for Chicopee students and the family of fallen Chicopee Firefighter Anthony Spano each received $2,500.

No more than 10 days following the event, the full effect of the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Schools were closed, businesses were shuttered, athletic events were postponed or canceled entirely and large-scale fundraisers such as "Battle of the Badges" remain difficult to hold even today.

Police Officer Chris Galindo signs a $5,000 check that is being held by Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee Director Jason Reed. The money was raised during a March 7 initiative led by Chicopee first responders.

It would take more than six months for the event's

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Making a difference by going door-to-door

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – A community-based collaboration went door to door in Chicopee last Friday in a heartfelt effort to make a difference. For two hours on Sept. 18, representatives of numerous groups walked together through Chicopee Center, spreading knowledge of critical resources such as home health care options, substance use recovery services and health improving options such as food resources and social services.

Representatives of the Chicopee Police Dept.'s C3 Unit, Commonwealth Care Alliance, Tapestry Health and Better Life Homecare went door-to-door through sections of Chicopee Center on Sept. 18 to spread awareness of critical resources. *COURTESY PHOTO*

Officers from the Chicopee Police Department's C3 Unit led the neighborhood march alongside representatives of Commonwealth Care Alliance, Tapestry Health and Better Life Homecare. Sgt. Tommy Gazda, leader of the C3 Unit, listed the objective.

"We put together a little over 100 bags filled with brochures from the RiverMills Center that include info on a lot of resources that people might not know or be aware that they qualify for. Everything is in bags, and because of COVID, we're not knocking on doors. We just place these on the doorknobs," said Gazda.

Gazda hopes the endeavor will occur every week and eventually reach all parts of the city. Due to the location of the C3 Unit's substation in Chicopee Center, nearby West and School streets were chosen first.

In the near future, it is expected the initiative will visit the Fairview and Willimansett sections of Chicopee. Rosa Cortez, of CCA, detailed the project's value and aim.

"We just go out into the community to bring information to those folks who are homebound or can't really access it," said Cortez. "When

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Martial arts instructor making a difference

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – The Center for Martial Arts and Fitness, located at 22 Center St., has expanded into the Falls Polish Home at 27 Grove St. Owner Ken Goodrich made the move strategically, as a second, larger space will allow him to impact more of the community's youth.

When the COVID-19 pandemic arrived in March, Goodrich converted his Center Street location into an emergency child care facility. Then Goodrich embarked on the hunt for new space.

"Originally, I was at Bowe School. I've been there for 13 years, but [due to the pandemic and the building's ventilation issues] we're not allowed to be there this year," he said.

At the Falls Polish Home, the Center for Martial Arts will serve clients of all skill sets and age groups. The space at 22 Center St. will offer programming exclusively for Bowe School students who have been displaced.

"Because we were at Bowe School on Hampden Street, a lot of our kids came from there. Our 22 Center St. location is only for kids who go to Bowe School," said Goodrich. ""Any kid that is the program is going to be doing exactly what they would be doing if they were at home or in school; learning virtually or in-person."

Each student learning at 22 Center St. will have an iPad or Chromebook provided for by the district and will arrive at 8:45 a.m. in accordance with a typical school day. In addition to academics, Goodrich has hired a dance instructor and a drama instructor to lead different activities while he will teach martial arts.

Goodrich believes that it is critical for Chicopee students to return to some semblance of normalcy. For Bowe School students who can no longer learn inside of the school, 22 Center St. will be the next best thing.

"For the kids, they need structure and a routine; to get back to doing physical activities," said Goodrich. "They need to get into doing things that help with their social and emotional needs too because those haven't been met. When they're here, they're going to get a lot of different opportunities to supplement their schoolwork; most are active."

Local parents of Bowe School students who elect to send their children to 22 Center St. can rest easy knowing that their children are well-cared for by he and his staff.

"First and foremost, we wouldn't be here without the kids and the parents," said Goodrich. "Our job is to make sure that the parents can feel comfortable when they drop their kids off and make sure they have a safe environment, they're well-fed, they're taken care of. Without the parents, we certainly wouldn't be here."

Goodrich is an experienced martial arts instructor, who has earned the respect of many residents in the city of Chicopee and the region itself. During an ongoing time of difficulty, Goodrich believes there is much to learn from the philosophies prioritized at the Center for Martial Arts and Fitness.

Nolan Diver enjoys himself at the Center for Martial Arts and Fitness.

STAFF PHOTOS BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

Left to right are Zillah and Azaria Cintron partake in virtual learning at the Center for Martial Arts and Fitness.

"With the martial arts that we do, respect, humility, perseverance, self-control and honesty are our five aims," said Goodrich.

The second floor of the Falls Polish Club will offer Goodrich an expanded space to teach lessons and continue the international breaking tournaments that have for many years occurred inside of the gymnasium at Bowe School.

"The Polish Home is unbelievable," he said. "It's an over 3,000-square-foot building, it's got a stage, bleachers, we'll be having some tournaments here," he said. "At the new location, we're going to be offering martial arts classes; we have children, teen and adult classes for all abilities and levels. We have special needs classes that we do as well."

More information on the Center for Martial Arts and its childcare program can be discovered on the business' Facebook page.

Friends of the Chicopee Public Library to be held on Sept. 27

CHICOPEE – The Friends of the Chicopee Public Library are pleased to announce their 18th annual Golf Tournament, that will be held this year on Sunday, Sept. 27. Golfers are encouraged to sign up early and report for golf at noon on Sept.27. Lunch will be available as each group passes by the clubhouse followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start for the golf scramble at the Chicopee Country Club. The day's events will include; lunch, a cart for every golfer, 18 holes of golf, and a post tournament dinner on-site. Raffle drawings, closest-to-the-pin, hole-in-one, and long-drive prizes will be awarded.

Through fundraisers such as this, The Friends are able to contribute to many library needs, programs and events that would otherwise go unfunded. It's a wonderful way for people and local businesses to have fun while contributing directly to their community.

People can support the Friends efforts by participating in the tournament by entering a foursome (though individual golfers are always welcome) and/or sponsoring the event. There are several sponsor levels to choose from: Platinum $1,000, Gold $500, Silver $250, Tee $100 and Memorial $100. Or donate a raffle prize as many are needed and very welcome. Another great way to promote your business while supporting the Library.

Please mail your completed registration form, $100 entry fee and/or sponsorship form and donation payable to the "Friends of the Chicopee Public Library"as soon as possible to: Friends of the Chicopee Public Library, Attn: Golf Tournament, 449 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

Printable applications and sponsorship forms can be found on the Friends' website at www.FriendsOfChicopeePublicLibrary.org,but if anyone has questions or would like an application mailed to them, please contact the Golf Committee by calling John Moran at 413-594-6458 or emailing jmoran6458@charter.net. Alternatively people can call William Muldoon at 413-533-4832 or email him at wcmuldoon@gmail.com.

Please consider joining friends and golfers for this popular annual event and support fund raising efforts for the Chicopee Public Library. On behalf of the Friends of the CPL thanks to everyone for their support and participation in this year's tournament.

Mural art walk on Saturday at noon

CHICOPEE – On Saturday, Sept. 26, at noon, the Chicopee Cultural Council will host its Art Walk & Mural Unveiling in Chicopee Center, as four new murals will be officially made public. The murals that will be unveiled will depict City Hall, the U.S.S. Indianapolis, Black Lives Matter and the fourth one that was scheduled to be painted by the community on Sept. 24.

The Saturday event will be held in conjunction with Envision Our Chicopee: 2040, a process to develop a comprehensive plan that will guide the city through the next two decades.

Local artists, speakers, and talent will be enjoyed during this family-friendly event!

Face masks are required and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

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Cub Scouts hold mum sale

CHICOPEE – Cub Scout Pack 138, of Chicopee, will also be coordinating an event that weekend, continuing its yearly tradition. On Sept. 26 and 27, the troop will host its annual mum and wreath sale at St. Rose Church on Grattan Street.

"The funds go to the troop account, which allows the troop to go on campouts and everything like that that they look forward to every year," said Sherri Mac, the parent of a troop member, who also serves as the troop's head of fundraising.

Financial restraints sparked by the pandemic have plagued the troop, which is highly optimistic that many residents will buy fall plants and benefit the pack.

RiverMills Center Memorial Drive shopping trips available

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Council on Aging's Transportation Department continues to offer shopping trips to stores in Chicopee, for Chicopee seniors 60 and older.

Car and van service to shopping and grocery stores on Memorial Drive will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The vehicles will be making stops at Big Y, Stop & Shop, Price Rite, Job Lot, Walmart and Chicopee Plaza. There is a suggested donation of $2. For a reservation, please call 536-5733.

In addition, the transportation department provides rides for medical, dental, legal and hairdresser, pharmacy pick-ups and banking. The service is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., to Chicopee's older adults.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chicopee COA follows all CDC safety standards and adheres to all mandates from the city and state.

A $10,000 grant from WestMass ElderCare has allowed the senior center to expand its transportation offerings.

Ukranian dinner offered on Oct. 24

LUDLOW – Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 45 Newbury St., will hold its fifth annual Ukrainian Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m., with curbside pickup only. Enjoy pierogi, holubtsi (stuffed cabbage), kapusta, kielbasa and borscht. The cost is $15. To reserve dinners please call or text 413-219-2126. Check the church's Facebook page.

Correction

Kali McConnell, a recovery advocate, who shares information about local recovery centers and homeless shelters as he plays music in Chicopee Center, was incorrectly identified in a story in the Sept. 17 issue of the Chicopee Register. We regret the error.

Price Rite Marketplace gives back locally

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

Price Rite Marketplace, a supermarket chain that boasts 62 locations spread across eight different states, has not grown too big to give back locally.

On Sept. 10, in the parking lot of the Knights of Columbus on Memorial Drive, Price Rite hosted a distribution event that offered 800 local families a 25-pound box of food and a 15-pound box of essentials that included shampoo, conditioner, lotion, personal care items and additional shelf items.

"It's critical; the need is always there in any event that comes up, and this one is bigger than most of them," said Price Rite President Jim Dorey, referring to the COVID-19 pandemic. "We know that taking care of our communities is part of the business, and this is just another opportunity. It's fun for everybody, and the energy is really awesome."

Price Rite partnered with Feed the Children, a charity dedicated to fighting hunger, Nabisco, Frito-Lay and the Revival Time Evangelistic Center in Springfield, in the process of coordinating the initiative. The Revival Time Evangelistic Center identified the families prior to the event.

Dorey participated in the Sept. 10 distribution of essentials alongside Chicopee Mayor John Vieau, Feed the Children representative Joe Allegro and Senior Pastor Steven Williams, who serves as head of the center. The day of charity was one of many Dorey has experienced with Price Rite, and all have been equally satisfying.

"You can't say enough about how rewarding it is for all of us," said Dorey, referring to Price Rite's slate of community-based projects.

Dorey stated that Price Rite partners with Feed the Children approximately eight to 10 times per year. At each initiative, the support of local entities such as the Springfield-based center is always essential.

"They are special partnerships. Without any one piece of it, it would make it extremely difficult," he said.

Notably, the supplies offered at each distribution event may change depending on the location and environment. Dorey mentioned the items distributed after a severe weather event may be different than those given out during a pandemic.

"The mix does change from time to time. Sometimes we try to get some school supplies in there; there's different themes throughout different times of the year. Sometimes it's the availability of what's being donated and what manufacturers are coming in," said Dorey.

Many vendors contribute to the chain's charity events, but a large amount of the distributed items come from the shelves of local Price Rite stores. Dorey considers it a privilege to be a member of a "well-oiled" machine that prioritizes the welfare of the community and offers a variety of goods.

"We're always pushing to do more," said Dorey. "Some of the cleaning supplies and the shampoos and the hygiene items are just kind of extras because some of the families will go to a food pantry or kitchen, and there will only be food so we want to throw in this extra bonus on top and hope that it's a nice treat for the families."

Frank Quigley talks of the importance of STCC

By Jim Danko
Correspondent

Tree House Brewery Company co-owner Dan Rohan and Wilbraham business owner Frank Quigley at the brewery in Charlton, which Quigley's business built. *COURTESY PHOTOS*

Wilbraham business owner Frank Quigley at the Tree House Brewery in Charlton, which his company built.

WILBRAHAM – Frank Quigley loves to talk up Springfield Technical Community College. The Wilbraham resident and business owners has seen how STCC has transformed lives, including his own.

Quigley, Class of 1977, applied the lessons he learned at STCC to his long and illustrious career in construction project management.

"I've had a great deal of success in my career," said Quigley, owner of F.D. Quigley & Associates, a construction project management firm. "I owe my success to STCC. Once I got to STCC, I realized this is it! This is exactly what I wanted to do."

He mentions the benefit and value of STCC to anyone who is thinking about college or careers. "I do that all the time," he said with a grin, before telling a story to illustrate his point.

Speaking from his home office in Wilbraham, Quigley recalled a time when a family member told him he was not happy with his major at college. Quigley recalled sitting his nephew down for a talk after Christmas dinner. It turns out his nephew wanted to pursue a career in construction like his Uncle Frank.

Quigley's eyes lit up. "I said, 'Perfect, I'll make a phone call." His nephew switched majors to study architecture and building technology at STCC. He excelled in the program and transferred to Wentworth Institute of Technology.

"The transfer program wasn't there for me, but it was for him, and it was the best gift he ever got," Quigley said.

He said the transfer agreement between STCC and Wentworth made the total cost of obtaining a bachelor's degree in project management extremely affordable. Wentworth offers discounted tuition to students who participate in the transfer program.

Quigley enjoys giving back to the college that inspired him throughout his career. After serving for five years, he stepped down this year from his position as vice chairman and the alumni representative to the STCC Board of Trustees. Since 2010, he has served as a member of the STCC Foundation Board of Directors, including serving as president of the board. He continues to serve on the Foundation Board.

Denise Hurst, vice president of advancement and external affairs at STCC, called Quigley an advocate of STCC and true ambassador of the Foundation's mission.

"He championed our most recent major gifts campaign, the first in almost 10 years," Hurst said. "He understands how important it is to minimize any and all financial barriers for our students to complete their education. His years of unwavering dedication have made certain that students have been able to transform their lives for the better."

'An infectious advocate'

STCC President John B. Cook described Quigley as an exemplary community leader. Quigley has been closely involved with Special Olympics Massachusetts since 1984, when he began volunteering as a program director, coach, and floor hockey official. He serves on the Board of Directors.

A champion of many causes for STCC, Quigley received the Distinguished Alumni award in 2010.

"Frank has been an infectious advocate for STCC, a tireless and enthusiastic supporter of our access and affordability mission," Cook said. "Along with his wife, Mary Jo, also an STCC alum, we are so thankful to Frank and the Quigley family for their support."

At STCC, Quigley played hockey, which is one of his passions, while pursuing a degree in one of the engineering programs. He served as a professional hockey referee with the American Hockey League for 15 years. After graduating from STCC in 1977, Quigley worked for a company that built custom homes. Some years later, he saw an opening for district manager at Bohler Engineering, a New Jersey firm expanding into New England.

"I interviewed for the job and was able to get it, even though I was told I wasn't qualified because I didn't have a bachelor's degree," Quigley said. "But they said, 'Give him a chance.' I made them more money in six years than they could ever possibly imagine. One thing I've learned in my career is anything's possible."

Starting a new business in 2000

In 2000, Quigley decided to strike out on his own. He founded his company, F.D. Quigley & Associates, a construction project management firm which provides national retailers and commercial real estate developers throughout the Northeast with outsourcing of construction and project management. Projects include hotels, retail stores and residential homes, to name a few. Among the big name projects managed by Quigley was the construction of Tree House Brewing Company's facility. Tree House is a renowned craft brewery based in Charlton. One of the owners,

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Celebrating the birthday of a local legend, Johnny Appleseed

IN THE GARDEN

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I have numerous old files from my days at Old Sturbridge Village. Occasionally I'll take a peek at some of the things I've saved. This time I was looking for a few tidbits on heirloom apple varieties, perhaps something that would work its way into a good column. It is the peak of apple season, you know. Instead I found a love story, and while this character isn't known for romance, per se, it sure makes for a good starting paragraph.

We all have heard of Johnny Appleseed. I'm not sure if we learned about him in school or if he is one of those legends that mysteriously becomes etched in our brains. In my mind's eye he is a ragamuffin of sorts, skipping to and fro across the country scattering apple seeds. I imagine how, in no time at all, the apple trees grew to be in full bloom along the cart paths, welcoming settlers as they made their way west. End of story. But who was Johnny Appleseed, and what sent him on a lifelong mission to blanket the Midwest in apple blossoms?

The man we call Johnny Appleseed was born here in Massachusetts in the town of Leominster on Sept. 26, 1774. He is the only person awarded 'folk hero' status here in our state. His given name was John Chapman. It is likely that John and his older sister, Elizabeth, grew up in the care of relatives after his mother's death from tuberculosis in 1776. His father was a Minuteman who fought at Concord and later a Revolutionary soldier in the Continental Army. Some accounts have John heading West as early as the age of 18, other stories claim him to be about 26 years old.

Johnny was a practical nurseryman, more skilled and calculated than my interpretation of him. He was also a good businessman and had a strong Christian faith. Together, these attributes wove John Chapman into a folk hero we know and love. With apple seeds from the cider mills in Pennsylvania in hand, Johnny cleared the woods to set up apple tree nurseries throughout the Midwest. A smart move, considering the law made new settlers plant 50 apple trees on their property during the first year of homesteading. He took payment for the trees he sold in whatever form was available (or not), whether it be in currency, old clothes or even food.

Johnny lived in harmony with nature without ever having a permanent place to call home. In his travels he befriended Native Americans, white settlers and animals, all the while preaching and living his religion peacefully. Reportedly, he knew many Native

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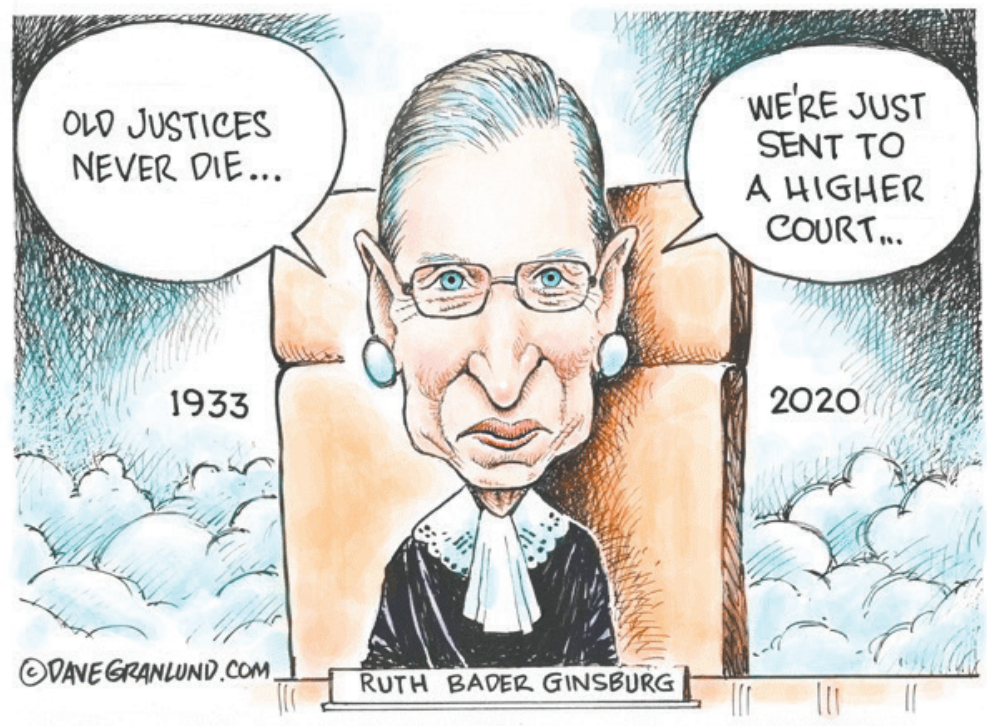

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Can I help my friend with his Social Security?

By Russell Gloor

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Dear Rusty: I am trying to help a good friend of mine who lives in Indiana and is 80-years-old. I am very concerned as he's not now collecting Social Security for some reason, and I have no idea why. Is there any reason that you know of that would keep him from getting his benefits? Is there maybe something he might have done to keep him from getting his money? He worked his whole life, is a retired electrician and was a long-time member of the Electricians' Union. I'm not sure if he knows how to apply for his benefits, but he's having a hard time making ends meet and could definitely use the extra money. He told me that an organization has offered to help him, but it will cost $7,500 and there is no guarantee they can get it for him. He can't afford to pay that kind of money only to be told there is nothing they can do for him. I'm hoping you can give me some insight. Signed: Faithful Friend

Dear Faithful Friend: If your friend has, as you say, worked and contributed to Social Security via FICA payroll taxes all his life, then he should be eligible to collect Social Security benefits. It only takes 40 quarters of credit (about 10 years of earnings) to be eligible for SS, so he should certainly be eligible if he paid SS FICA taxes for enough years.

Are there reasons why he might not be collecting? Sure, but they're not common, and here are a few:

• Indiana is one of 26 states where some state employees don't participate in the federal Social Security program. If your friend was a state employee for his whole life he may not have contributed to Social Security, so he may not have the requisite 40 credits needed to collect Social Security.

• Social Security benefits are generally exempt from garnishing, except for certain types of situations. Any U.S. government agency (such as the IRS if he owes back taxes) can garnish his benefits if he owes them money. His benefits can also be garnished for unpaid alimony or child support. But usually such garnishment means only reducing his Social Security benefit, not completely eliminating it.

• If he were collecting Social Security at one time, but Social Security later found that he had been overpaid for any reason, they could withhold his benefits until they recovered the overpayment. Sometimes, the actions of someone else (e.g., a former spouse) can cause him to be liable for an overpayment, but Social Security would have sent him a letter informing him of the overpayment and giving him an opportunity to appeal it. In any case, Social Security would only withhold benefits until the overpayment was fully recovered.

• Social Security benefits are not automatically awarded. If your friend simply neglected to apply for benefits when he was eligible, Social Security wouldn't sign him up automatically, regardless of his age. He will simply not get benefits unless he applies for them.

Your friend shouldn't pay anyone to find out if he's eligible for Social Security benefits. The answer is simply a phone call away by contacting the Social Security Administration, either at the national number, 1.800.772.1213, or by contacting his local Social Security office (the local contact information is at www.ssa.gov/locator). Generally, this type of transaction can be accomplished over the phone. He should call Social Security and tell them he wishes to apply for "Social Security Retirement Benefits." Once they have his Social Security number they can tell immediately if he is eligible for benefits and, if he is, he should ask for six months retroactive benefits (SS will pay up to 6 months retroactively).

If your friend cannot, for any reason, contact Social Security himself to discuss his situation, he can appoint someone, such as you, to represent him in these matters. Here is a link to Social Security's rules on having someone represent him: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10075.pdf. You are, indeed, a good and faithful friend.

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Baystate and its Community Benefits Advisory Councils Issue request for proposals

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Health in partnership with its Community Benefits Advisory Councils is issuing a request for proposals for Better Together Grants.

The goal of Baystate Health's Community Benefits Program's 2020 Better Together Grants is to bring together health and community-based social service organizations across Baystate's four hospital service areas to address social determinants of health, improve health outcomes, and reduce health inequities. The aim is to develop approaches that, by targeting the social determinants of health, will improve people's overall well-being and make our communities healthier places to live, while complementing the health care system's current services.

Applicants can submit one proposal with the proposed project aligning with the hospital's priority Social Determinant of Health:

• Baystate Franklin Medical Center: Social Environment

• Baystate Medical Center: Education

• Baystate Noble Hospital: Built environment

• Baystate Wing Hospital: Social environment

For more detailed definitions and examples of interventions for each of the above health priorities, applicants can review the Massachusetts Department of Health Determination of Need Health Priority Guidelines at https://www.mass.gov/doc/health-priority-0/download

Applicants are asked to carefully review the RFP grant guidelines prior to submitting their Letter of Intent, which is due Friday, Oct. 23, at 11:59 p.m.

A virtual general information session will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All interested organizations and applicants are encouraged to register for the information session.

For those who cannot attend, the session is being recorded and will be available for access at baystatehealth.org/applyforfunding.

All applicants who submit a Letter of Intent in October will be invited to a second information session on Nov. 10 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in preparation for their submission of the full application in December.

Final applications are due Friday, Dec. 4 at 11:59 p.m. with award decisions to be made in late January 2021.

Funding for the 2020 Better Together Grants RFP is made possible through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Determination of Need Community Health Initiative (CHI) requirements related to the replacement of Baystate Medical Center's Electrophysiology Catheterization Labs approved in November 2018.

For more information, contact Brittney Rosario at 413-794-1801, or email governmentcommunity@baystatehealth.org.

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Bowe School students will still have virtual access to their counselors, participate in group learning sessions and be given remote library time.

Clark said the decision to close the school was not difficult. "I have said, and I mean this, that typically in an educational setting we think of educating first, but due to the time that we're in, health and safety is first. Our decisions truly have health and safety at the core," she said.

Clark has not been in contact with Bowe School teachers and employees, a task that is primarily the responsibility of Bowe School Principal David Drugan. While the majority of Chicopee teachers sought remote learning to begin the semester, Clark sympathized with those who were excited to return to the classroom.

"I do feel bad," she said. "Some of them were looking forward to coming back. They had set up their classrooms; I know that there's been a request if they can still work in their classrooms [by themselves], and that's something we'll need to talk about."

The status of activities such as the Bowe School Community Garden, which depend on the school, is uncertain. Clark acknowledged that there may be some hope for the garden moving forward.

"There are portions of Bowe School that are ventilated such as the kitchen, I believe the library; the newer portion of Bowe School. I say newer relative to when the building was built; that portion is ventilated. If that's what the garden needs to keep it going, then that will be fine," said Clark.

On Sept. 15, the district welcomed back students both virtually and in-person without issue. Given the circumstances, the day will forever be memorable for the Superintendent.

"Today, went off without a hitch, and I'm extremely proud of the staff for pulling this off. It is a huge accomplishment," said Clark. "I am grateful for Chicopee. I've always said that. I've been here for 28 years and feel like there's solid relationships still. This has been a struggle, but we will get through it, and it feels different when your heart is in it the way that mine is."

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Ware native Dean Rohan, is an STCC alumnus.

Quigley recommends STCC to anyone who dreams of one day owning their own company. The college offers programs that span a variety of academic disciplines, from liberal arts to business, engineering, computer information technology, health and more.

"You get a hands-on education taught by phenomenal professors," Quigley said. "They will go out of their way to help you succeed."

Whether a student is thinking of starting a business or wants a good job after graduation, STCC offers an affordable pathway to careers with starting positions that pay well, Quigley said.

"You can come out of a two-year STCC program like mechanical engineering technology and start at $50,000 to $70,000," Quigley said. "Think about it. You can get a head-of-household income with a two-year degree in today's day and age. It's phenomenal. And, if you want to go on, all the schools around here are partnered with STCC. They want you to continue your education. They recognize that the students from STCC are well-trained, well-educated and prepared."

Support students

While he's no longer serving as Trustee, Quigley will continue to support STCC in his role as a member of the Board of Directors to the STCC Foundation. The Foundation raises money for student scholarships and other support services.

"I helped build up the Foundation after it was disbanded," Quigley said. "Today, we have several members, and we are continuing to add people. That's very important because the business community hires our students, and they need to be a part of the Foundation. They can then turn around and help with scholarships for the students.

"I'm very proud of the Foundation work because we raise money for students," Quigley said. "I want them to get the support they need, so they can pursue their dreams like I did."

Interested in applying to STCC? Visit stcc.edu/apply or call Admissions at 413-755-3333.

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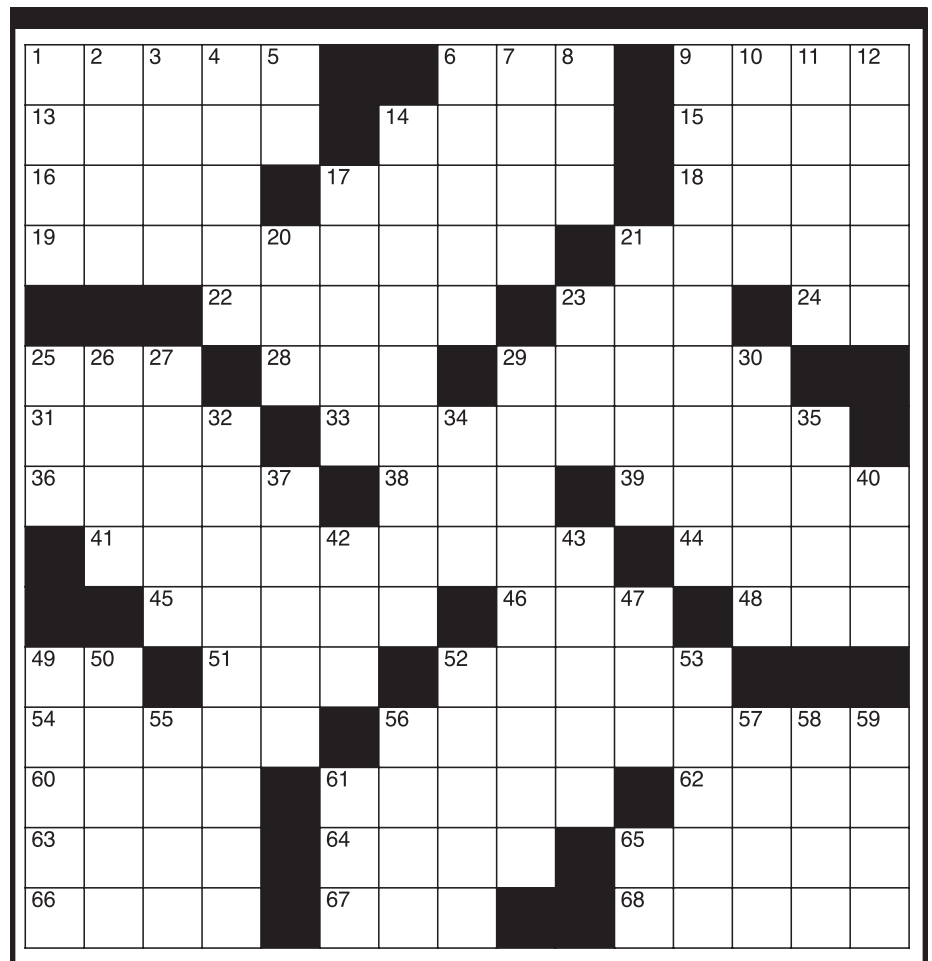
American languages well enough to converse, and had compassion for both his own and Native American cultures. Some stories make him out to be an herbal healer, as well as a greeter of new settlers with a variety of medicinal plants in hand. Fennel even became known as 'Johnny weed.' It becomes more apparent with each additional piece if research I find that Johnny's lifework was to be of service to others; at the same time he planted apple trees. Johnny Appleseed died at age 70 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A monument marks his gravesite.

So what about the love story? From all accounts Johnny Appleseed traveled alone. A yellowed newspaper article stashed away in my file may give hope that Johnny's journey didn't start out that way. The story goes that John Chapman was to be married to Sarah Crawford. Instead, the day set aside for their wedding became the day of her funeral. She was buried in her wedding gown. A bouquet of apple blossoms was to have been her bouquet. Johnny, overcome with grief, decided to go forth and make a monument for his beloved; he would blanket the land in her favorite flower. Fact or fiction, I can't be sure. Perhaps it is another writer's attempt to put a fairy tale beginning on a legendary life. The romantic in me hopes it to be true!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



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6. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)
13. Anatomical term
14. Tropical starchy tuberous root
15. Jewish calendar month
16. Round Dutch cheese
17. Western Pacific republic
18. List of foods
19. It can strike the ground
21. Drenches
22. Some are cole
23. __ Squad
24. Expresses emotion
25. One point east of due south
28. Satisfaction
29. Holds nothing back
31. Top of the body
33. Not well-liked
36. Did slowly
38. Greek goddess of the dawn
39. Gland secretion
41. Vital to existence
44. Aristocratic young women
45. Erik __, composer
46. Not young
48. Jewish term for "Sir"
49. Secondary school
51. __ student: learns to heal
52. Regarding
54. Highly excited
56. Mainly
60. Thin, narrow piece of wood
61. Cakes
62. Biomedical nonprofit
63. Dried-up
64. One who is symbolic of something
65. Body part
66. Muslim ruler
67. Women from Mayflower
68. Notes

CLUES DOWN

1. Not us
2. Helper
3. Bleat
4. Type of chair
5. Jr.'s father
6. Necessary for certain beverages
7. Hillside
8. Dutch painter Gerrit __
9. Gave a new look
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Confidence trick
12. Type of fund
14. From an Asian island
17. Malay boat
20. Western Australia indigenous people
21. Cluster on underside of fern frond
23. You need it to get somewhere
25. The woman
26. It may be green
27. Makes less severe
29. One from Beantown
30. Cavalry sword
32. Metric linear unit
34. Hawaiian dish
35. Yokel
37. Dissuade
40. Mutual savings bank
42. __ Caesar, comedian
43. Primordial matters
47. We all have it
49. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"
50. Historic MA coastal city
52. Shady garden alcove
53. Small amount
55. Horse-drawn cart
56. Nocturnal rodent
57. Spiritual leader
58. Air mattress
59. Speaks incessantly
61. Auction term
65. Atomic #62

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Sophia Lopez recognized on Georgia Southern University's dean's list

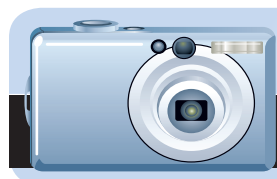
STATESBORO, Georgia – Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 4,200 students on the spring 2020 dean's list. Sophia Lopez, of Chicopee, has been named to the list for excellence in academics. To be eligible for the dean's list, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers 141 degree programs serving nearly 26,500 students through nine colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. The university provides a diverse student population with expert faculty, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities. Georgia Southern creates lifelong learners who serve as responsible scholars, leaders and stewards in their communities. For more information go to GeorgiaSouthern.edu.

Nathaniel Whitehead joins cohort of new Lasell University students

NEWTON – Nathaniel Whitehead became a new student at Lasell University this fall. Whitehead, a resident of Chicopee, will study health science.

More than 370 new students joined the Lasell community in September for the fall semester. New and returning students were given a choice to study in residential, commuter, or fully online settings to accommodate their preferences during the pandemic.



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this pandemic started, people were confused; they didn't know who to call or where to go so we're bringing this information door-to-door in the event we go back into lockdown. If they need any kind of services, they know to call."

Without question, going door-to-door in the midst of a pandemic is risky, but participants adhered to numerous safety measures in order to ensure the health of all participants.

"Our company wants to make sure all employees are safe. We take all of the necessary precautions before we go out into the community, and we express that to the residents as well why it's important to keep their masks on and wash their hands and keep a clean environment," she said.

Victor Colon, site manager for the Tapestry Health Clinic RV at the Chicopee Health Center on Front St., was also present last Friday. Tapestry Health offers community-based healthcare. Colon joined the traveling party to increase awareness of Tapestry's mobile location in Chicopee; he was highly impressed by the team-friendly approach.

"I'm new to this position so I'm meeting all of the men and women that are doing almost the same line of work that we are," he said. "I'm very grateful for them and am very humbled to be in the ranks of these fine folks. Unity is very important. One man can't save the world. Just to have folks joining us in the trenches is a very beautiful thing."

Claudia Lora serves as the community outreach director of A Better Life Homecare, a certified homecare company based in Springfield. She arrived in Chicopee Center on Sept. 18 knowing the message of what the company offered needed to be heard.

"It is extremely important, especially providing information in different languages because we do have different populations that speak Spanish and Arabic," said Lora. "The fact that the police are joining us, and Tapestry and the CCA and all different health care groups have put their information inside the folders is very important. We have to continue to come and make ourselves visible so that they know we're here and if they have any further questions we can help them out."

Representatives of the Chicopee Police Department's C3 Unit, Commonwealth Care Alliance, Tapestry Health and Better Life Homecare walked through sections of Chicopee Center on Sept. 18 to spread awareness of critical resources. *COURTESY PHOTOS*

Representatives of Commonwealth Care Alliance get supplies ready to hand out in downtown Chicopee.

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Away fans not allowed at high school games

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REGION – High school athletes returned to the field for tryouts last Friday. The tryouts will continue into this week with games set to begin at the end of next week.

Nearly all of the schools in Western Massachusetts, specifically in and around the Pioneer Valley, will be full participants in the Fall 1 season, which will feature all of the fall sports with the exception of football, cheerleading, and unified basketball.

There are some schools that have opted to defer moderate risk sports like girls volleyball and soccer to the Fall 2 season in late February.

While student-athletes will have the opportunity to being playing games after a six-month layoff from most activity, fans will only be allowed to have limited participation.

David Stratton, a member of the board of directors for the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, said the PVIAC has issued guidance and agreed that all schools in the membership will only allow for home fans at games to begin with.

Stratton said it will be up to the individual schools to govern how the crowds will be controlled, but all schools are only allowed to host fans for their own team.

Those crowds will be limited to just 50 people, per the current outdoor guidelines set by Gov. Charlie Baker.

In many cases, players on individual teams will be given a limited number of passes, likely ranging from 1 to 3 per person, and that player will be allowed to give those passes to family or friends to attend the game. Fans who attend the games must socially distance, stay away from the participants, and wear face coverings in order to watch the games. There also could be restricted areas for seating at game sites.

Those fans will not be permitted to travel to away games and will be turned away by other schools.

There are a few schools, either due to staffing, field configuration, or other factors, that are not allowing any fans at all to games. Ware confirmed last Thursday there will be no fans allowed at games to start the fall season. The Ware Athletic Department is hopefully to develop a plan as the season progresses so some fans can be welcomed back to fields.

The rules will be in place for at least the fall season, and Stratton said unless a specific school makes a more stringent restriction, a limited number of fans will be allowed indoors to watch volleyball games as well.

Stratton said participants in the contests, such as players, coaches, and officials, do not count toward the 50 restriction for gatherings.

The MIAA has set an Oct. 1 date for the start of games. There will be approximately 10 to 12 contests for soccer, field hockey, and girls volleyball, allowing parents approximately 5 to 6 chances to see games this season.

Parents and athletes should check with their specific high school's athletic department for details on that school's fan rules.

Robie clinches modified title, other crowns up for grabs

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Trevor Bleau (Troy, NH) won the race Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway that had eluded him all season. But, while Bleau won the battle, Brian Robie won the war.

With Robie's strong third-place outing in Saturday's NHSTRA Modified main event, the Sunapee star clinched the 2020 track title. The speedway's other four divisional crowns, however, will all wait to be decided on the final day of the season.

Bleau, the runner-up a week earlier, was one of three first-of-the-season feature winners Saturday. On the fourteenth event of the summer, Emerson Cayer (Contoocook, NH) and C.J. Johnson (Keene, NH) also earned their first victory laps of the year.

Belchertown's Chris Buffone captured the street stock event.
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Trevor Bleau was a winner in the modified race, his first win of the season.

While Cayer made easy work of scoring Saturday's 50-lap NHSTRA Battle for The Belt Mini Stock feature, Gordon Farnum – a six-time 2020 feature winner – cruised quietly to a fifth-place finish and, with it, the championship of the multi-track Belt series.

Cameron Houle and Bleau raced under a blanket for the first ten laps of the Modified go-round, with Bleau then using the low groove to take command and never look back. Ben Byrne, needing desperately to make up big ground on Robie, got up for second on lap 25 but had nothing more for Bleau.

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Regional sports return

Youth soccer in the Roots Athletic League got underway with action starting Saturday, Sept. 19. Teams from Granby, Southwick, Agawam, Belchertown, South Hadley, and Wilbraham were all in action through the Pioneer Valley. With all sports restarting with limited action, Turley Publications welcomes any and all information about whatever sports your youth are participating in. Please submit photos and games results or other information to sports@turley.com.
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Help feature your student athletes in our sports section

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The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams.

We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched the Class of 2020 lose their entire spring season.

We're asking for help on this upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.

MIAA announces partnership with 'kindness partner'

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is proud to announce a partnership with Choose To Be Nice (CTBN) as the Official Kindness Partner of the MIAA. This first-of-its kind partnership amplifies the message that sports and kindness are intricately connected, both on and off the field.

"Choose To Be Nice's message of kindness lines up perfectly with the MIAA's values." said Bill Gaine, Executive Director of MIAA. "Spreading kindness is a choice all of our stakeholders – student athletes, coaches, school administrators and more – can agree on. We are excited about helping to bring the message of kindness to the MIAA community."

Choose To Be Nice offers a wide array of tools and programs to help schools, companies and organizations build and sustain a lasting culture of kindness. The MIAA/CTBN partnership will put the issue of kindness front and center on and off the playing field and come to life through a number of creative initiatives.

"We're over the moon to be working with MIAA to help bring a very simple, but powerful message of choice and kindness to the entire MIAA community of student athletes, coaches, administrators and families" said Dina Creiger, Founder of Choose To Be Nice. "We look forward to working with MIAA to infuse a lasting culture of kindness throughout the MIAA community and to help make a meaningful impact on and off the playing field."

About Choose To Be Nice: Headquartered in Needham, MA, Choose To Be Nice is a social enterprise dedicated to building communities where kindness, empathy, inclusion, and appreciation for others prevail and where people thrive through meaningful connections with others at home, in school, at work and in our communities. They offer social and emotional learning (SEL) programs for schools, companies and organizations and apparel and merchandise all sporting the Choose To Be Nice message. For more information, please visit www.choosetobenice.com.

New England Mutiny's Howarth signs with Pride

LUDLOW, MA - UWS Player of the Year, Kate Howarth, has signed a professional contract with the Orlando Pride of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). With the recent departure of US National Team star Alex Morgan to Tottenham Hotspur and Taylor Kornieck on loan to German club MSV Duisburg, Howarth is among a forwards group that includes Brazilian legend Marta and former USWNT member Sydney Leroux.

Howarth, who played collegiately for the University of Miami (2009-2012) is the all-time leading scorer for the New England Mutiny of United Women's Soccer (UWS). This will be the second go-around in NWSL for Howarth after having been discovered off the New England Mutiny roster in 2012 by the Boston Breakers. Howarth returned to the Mutiny in 2014 where she would be a fixture at the forward position for the next six years for the western Mass-based club. She tallied a club record 69 goals for the Mutiny. Along with her 17 career assists, Howarth also tops the list at 155 points scored for the New England franchise that was established in 1999.

"I can confidently say that I would not be where I am today if I had not been asked to play for the New England Mutiny. I would not have been given a chance with the Boston Breakers and would not have been able to develop as a player to get to this point. Joe (Ferrara, Mutiny team owner) has created a competitive environment that has drawn high level players across New England year after year," stated Howarth.

At age 29, a professional career for Howarth in the NWSL seemed a longshot, but the Mutiny captain amassed a stellar campaign last season for the Mutiny that could not be overlooked by NWSL scouts as she was invited to pre-season camp by five NWSL teams before settling in Orlando. Howarth finished the season with 20 goals scored and 4 assists.

"What made Kate's season extraordinary was that she scored in every regular season game and both playoff games. Whatever metrics an organization uses to evaluate a player they can toss those out the window when someone can produce like that against high quality competition. Kudos to Orlando for signing Kate as they will find her passion and work ethic contagious. Her impact on the Mutiny organization and to me personally is indescribable" added Ferrara.

Howarth was selected to the UWS Team of the Week on five occasions in 2019 and currently stands as the only player in UWS to top 100 points scored.

"UWS gave me a place to develop, learn, and become the player I am today. The league gave me the opportunity to play with so many high-level players throughout the years, all of which taught me things that I have taken with me. Above anything, I think it gave me the chance to learn how to be a leader and instilled the confidence I needed to walk out with my new teammates today," added Howarth.

Kate Howarth has been signed by the Orland Pride of the NWSL. She was a standout striker for the New England Mutiny. *FILE PHOTO*

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Robie, charging from row five, swiped third from Houle on the final corner of the 40-lapper; more than enough to clinch the 2020 Modified crown. He is currently fourth nationally in NASCAR Division 1 points.

Eleven-time LMS winner Aaron Fellows left Saturday's feature on the hook before a lap had been completed, the victim of someone else's blunder. That gave Robert Hagar (Windsor, VT) a chance to close the championship points battle entering the season finale, and Hagar took full advantage of the opening.

Hagar stormed past Justin Littlewood on lap two and roared off to his second win of the summer. Teen star Camdyn Curtis equaled his season's best in the runner-up slot, and Littlewood came home third.

In the Mini Stock 50-lapper, Cayer took the lead from Nathan Wenzel on lap 12 and quickly social-distanced himself from the pack to score his first Monadnock win of the summer. Louie Maher, the 2019 track titlist, was second, but had nothing for Cayer. Wenzel, strong in third, went home 20 points behind Farnum.

Jeff Asselin, seventh on the night, stayed out of trouble to leapfrog Jake Puchalski for top 2020 Mini Stock rookie honors, taking a two-point advantage in that competition into next Saturday's season finale. Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) won the 2020 Mini Stock Battle for the Belt Championship.

The hard-charging Curtis twins, Jaret and Chase, came into Saturday's Street Stock feature tied atop the points parade. Number three man Chris Buffone (Belchertown, Ma) needed a statement run to keep his championship hopes alive, and he accomplished exactly that.

Rocketing into the lead on lap two, Buffone sailed to his third win of the summer, getting the job done with his uncle, Tommy O'Sullivan, glued to his bumper. Last season's top gun, Dave Greenslit, was strong in third and, at the end of the night, Chase Curtis went home two points ahead of brother Jaret, with Buffone still in the hunt, 28 back.

Firing from row three, C.J. Johnson took control of the Pure Stock feature on lap three and then checked out on the field to score his first win of the summer. Chris Davis, needing to make big inroads on points leader Mike Douglas, took second on lap five but, with Douglas quickly pulling up to his bumper, could make only a minimal gain.

Douglas enters next Saturday's Championship Night event 36 points ahead of Davis, who, still mathematically alive in the title hunt, is the only 2019 champion capable of repeating that success.

Monadnock Speedway will conclude its pandemic-abbreviated 2020 racing season when it hosts its annual Championship Night races – with four divisional crowns still undecided, and many extras scheduled - next Saturday, September 26. Post time for that event is 2 p.m.

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Pure Stocks - CJ Johnson, Chris Davis, Mike Douglas, Dylan Adams, Jimmy Zellman, Cory Lofland, JD Stockwell, Nick Houle, Jake Bosse, Jason Leray, Tucker Houle, Ryan Lawliss, Matt Lambert, Trevor Carey, Brandon Lavoie

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Mini Stock Battle for the Belt Champion - Gordon Farnum

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annual check ceremony to occur, finally coming to fruition on Sept. 18 outside of the Boys & Girls Club on Meadow Street. Representatives from both safety departments joined club personnel and residents to celebrate a successful fundraiser that could have easily been nixed.

"It's almost like we won the lottery on it. Especially, standing here six months later looking at it, I think that we were definitely blessed that we got it done. Without our community in the stands supporting us, we wouldn't have been able to raise the money or the awareness," said Chicopee Police Officer Chris Galindo, who was also co-organizer of the event.

The club itself reopened to a limited number of members on July 30. Jason Reed, executive director, agreed that it was only by chance that the event was held unhindered. Looking beyond the money raised on March 7, Reed cited the exhibition's deeper value.

"The fundraising is obviously a piece of it, but just the fact that it was one final event where so many folks in the community were able to come together, have a good time and celebrate not only the work that the club does, but also the work that our first responders do everyday was really impactful this year," he said.

Firefighter John James, of the Chicopee Fire Department, co-organized "Battle of the Badges" alongside Galindo and was ecstatic to partake in last Friday's ceremony at the club. He noted that the socially-distant gathering was beneficial to all who attended and promised preparation for next spring's initiative will soon begin.

"With the pandemic closing everything down and funding coming short, hopefully this will help out the club and raise the spirits of everybody," said James. "We're already almost in that [preparation] season now; maybe in another month or so we're going to start training for the 2021 Battle of the Badges. Hopefully, we don't have any slowdowns on that."

Galindo said holding the ceremony represented a "step in the right direction to get programs like this moving again."

He admitted the pandemic took "the wind out of our sails," but adamantly said the pandemic will not deter first responders from raising money and awareness for the club. Galindo is more than thrilled that the club has reopened smoothly.

"I think it's fantastic," he said. "Speaking to some of the administrators that work here, you don't even have to listen to their words. You can see on their faces how happy they are to have the kids back through those doors again; especially kids who need those after school programs."

Reed confirmed that the club's staff is indeed in good spirits and that the facility is lively once more. He thanked the first responders for their commitment.

"At the end of the day, our kids are happy to be back," said Reed. "They're enjoying being able to be with their friends even if it's from behind a mask at six-feet apart. They're enjoying being able to interact with our staff, participate in activities, have some fun and engage in the social interaction that's just so important to their own development."

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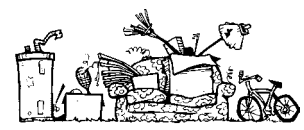

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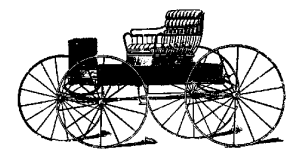

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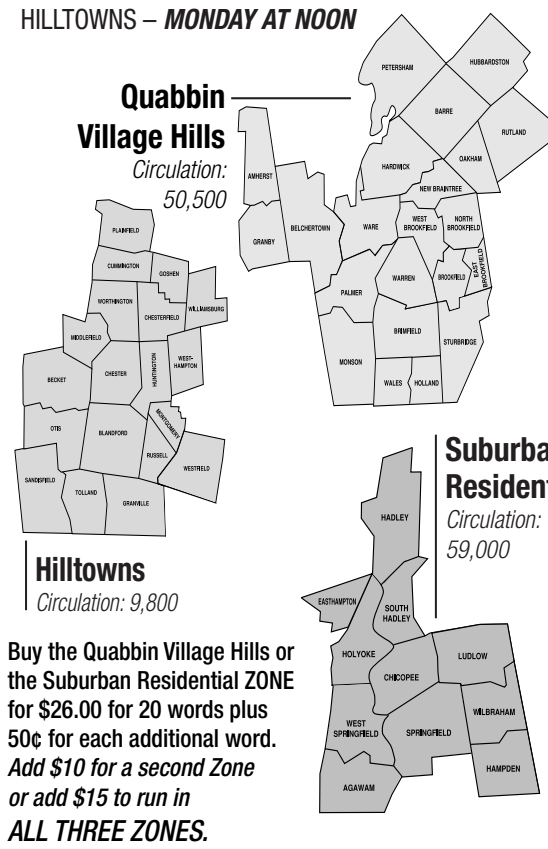

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This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 14, 2020

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD08P2569GD
In the interests of
Emma E Borkosky
Of Chicopee, MA
Minor
NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Resignation or Petition for Removal of Guardianship of a Minor
NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by **Diane M Borkosky** on July 31, 2020 will be held **October 07, 2020 08:15 a.m. Guardianship of Minor Hearing** Located **Hampden Probate & Family Court, 50 State Street, 4th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103**

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.
Date: July 31, 2020

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